

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.1365**

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TO:	The Honorable John E. Courson, Chairperson, Senate Education Committee		
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SUBJECT:	School Bus Engine Systems		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1365 requires, subject to funding by the General Assembly, every school bus purchased after January 1, 2009 to be equipped with an automatic engine compartment fire suppression system. The Bill also requires, subject to funding by the General Assembly, installation of automatic engine compartment fire suppression systems on buses previously purchased, with first priority given to buses designed to serve students with disabilities.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Department of Education (SDE) estimates this Bill will have a total cost of \$2.28 million. This cost consists of installing fire suppression systems at \$400 each for 5,700 state owned school buses. SDE notes that an additional 1,200 buses are owned by local school districts. The cost to install fire suppression systems for these 1,200 district-owned school buses at \$400 each is \$480,000. If it is the General Assembly's intent to provide funding for all State and district-owned buses the cost can be estimated at \$2.76 million.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

These above figures do not include an estimate for the cost of installation which is unknown.

Approved by:



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